

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 23-25, 27-31, 106, and 120-121 are currently pending.

Claims 23, 25, 27-31, 120, and 121 stand rejected because of alleged informalities. Claims 23, 25, and 27-31 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting. Claim 106 has been allowed.

Claims 23 and 25 have been amended. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

Applicants reserve all rights with respect to the applicability of the doctrine of equivalents.

Claim 25 has been amended to refer to claim 23 rather than to canceled claim 24.

With respect to claims 23, 25, 27-31, 120, and 121, the Examiner has stated that there is no antecedent basis for "the movable stage." Applicants have amended claim 23 to refer to the "movable frame" rather than the "movable stage." Claims 25, 27-31, 120, and 121 are dependent claims that depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 23. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 23, 25, 27-31, 120, and 121 on the basis of alleged informalities has been overcome.

The Examiner has rejected claims 23, 25, and 27-31 on the basis of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 29, 30, 31, 33, 36, and 37 of U.S. Patent No. 6,753,638 of Adams et al. In order to overcome this rejection, applicants have included herewith an executed terminal disclaimer with respect to present

application and U.S. Patent No. 6,753,638. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the double patenting rejection has been overcome.

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the allowance of claim 106.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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